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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2003, in which the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-33 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) and obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections for the reasons discussed below and submit that all pending claims 1-33 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended the Specification to overcome the Examiner's objection to the Drawings and Specification.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted with the filed application on April 25, 2000. The Examiner did not indicate that he reviewed the IDS. Applicants request that Examiner review the previously submitted IDS and indicate such review by initialing the PTO-1449 form submitted with the IDS.

These Amendments are submitted in accordance with the Pre-OG Notice dated January 31, 2003, which waives the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.